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- (1) Fekete, U.S. Patent No. 4,987,400, issued January 22, 1991; and
- (2) Ross Jr., U.S. Published Application No. US 2002/0088278 A1, published July 11, 2002.

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- (3) Schweitzer, Jr. et al, U.S. Patent No. 6,479,981 B2, issued November 12, 2002.

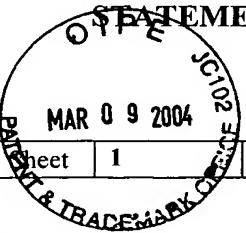
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